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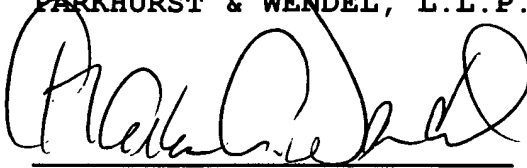
The independent claims (1 and 13) have been amended (1) to include as an element in the food information management system a food processing plant for producing and shipping food packages each including processed food and an information storage medium comprising an RF-ID tag and (2) to specify that each information storage medium comprises an RF-ID tag. The Examiner is directed to the specification at page 5, lines 9 to 19, where the new features of the claims are discussed. Claims inconsistent with the invention as now claimed have been canceled. The claims before the Examiner for consideration are claims 1 to 3, 7, and 13 to 16.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter is not taught or suggested in the cited art and an early examination of the amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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